



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE MICHELLE REHWINKEL VASILINDA  
RECEIVES APPOINTMENT TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE & ENERGY AT THE  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES**

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**TALLAHASSEE** – State Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda (D-09) has been appointed to the standing committee on Agriculture and Energy for the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), by Florida House Speaker Larry Cretul. The NCSL summit meets today through Friday in Philadelphia.

The Agriculture and Energy Committee has jurisdiction over state and federal agriculture and rural development legislation; natural resources legislation; and energy and electric utilities legislation, regulation and policies. Its purpose is to educate Congress and federal agencies and serve as a forum to increase understanding about these crucial topics.

During the 2009 Legislative session, Rep. Rehwinkel Vasilinda served on the Florida Legislature's Energy and Utilities Policy Committee. She intends to use her experience in Philadelphia to help her prepare future energy legislation in Florida. Today, she is participating in the Energy Policy Summit on Energy Efficiency where ideas discussed may help Floridians create jobs, lower energy costs and be better prepared to face the new economic and energy realities.

"I am honored to accept this appointment and represent the Florida Legislature at this national convening to discuss energy policy," said Rep. Rehwinkel Vasilinda.

"Increasing true renewable energy sources is our best option for Florida and our nation to thrive. Our economy, environment, health, and national security depend on the energy choices we make. I am working to help ensure that Florida has all the information it needs to make wise energy decisions."

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